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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated February 22, 2006 for one(1) month(s) from May 22, 2006 to June 22, 2006. A Response responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750/MIT5002/ERS in the name of Johnson & Johnson for the cost of filing this Petition. Three copies of this Petition are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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